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Dear colleagues,

We cordially welcome you to the 12th European Biological Inorganic Chemistry Conference, EuroBIC 12, to be held August 24–28, 2014. 22 years after EuroBIC 1 took place in Newcastle, UK, this conference series is now coming to Switzerland for the first time.

The biannual EuroBIC conferences have become one of the major international events in the field of Biological Inorganic Chemistry. Its interdisciplinarity is well reflected in the broad wealth of topics covered in this year's event. The presentations at EuroBIC 12 will include the latest developments and results from the interface between Coordination Chemistry and the Life Sciences: All aspects of Metalloproteins—Structure and Function, Bioinspired and Biomimetic Systems, Artificial Photosystems—From Light to Chemical Energy, Metal-Nucleic Acid Interactions, Bioorganometallic Chemistry, Environmental and Geological Bioinorganic Chemistry, New Trends in Bioinorganic Chemistry, Metal Homeostasis and Detoxification, Metal-related Diseases, and Metals in Medicine—Diagnosis and Therapy will be covered. More than 180 oral contributions, delivered by Plenary, Keynote, Session, Invited, and Selected Speakers will provide the basis for vivid and stimulating discussions. These discussions will

be intensified in a relaxed atmosphere during the two Poster Sessions with more than 260 contributions. Special sessions of the Scientific Program encompass the Alfred Werner Lecturer series, the Young Researcher Presentations, Poster Flash Presentations as well as the concluding EuroBIC Medal 2014 Award Lecture by Xile Hu.

EuroBIC 12 would not be possible without the financial support of numerous companies and societies, many of which will be part of the exhibition during the conference and to all of whom we are very grateful for their support. We are also expressing our sincere gratitude to the staff, our coworkers, and students of the Department of Chemistry, University of Zurich, who are and will be involved during the organization and the conference itself. Only their help and efforts will ensure a memorable EuroBIC 12.

We are hence looking very much forward to an exciting scientific program and a stimulating environment at the Irchel Natural Science Campus of the University of Zurich, and are very excited to seeing you all at EuroBIC 12.

With our best wishes,  
Sincerely,

Eva Freisinger and Roland Sigel  
On behalf of the Organizing Committee

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